

Minutes of Meeting: FULL COUNCIL – extra ordinary
Date and Time: Wednesday 24 September 2025 19.00
Venue: Kings Court Community Centre, Southwell

The meeting had to be relocated to the Old Courthouse, as members could not access the community centre.

Present: Cllr K Roberts (Chair) G Adams, L Harris, P Harris, P Rainbow, R Blaney, P Brooker, J Lightwood, J Bostock

In Attendance: B Boyer, Locum Clerk

Also present: one member of the public

Agenda

25/09/099 To receive apologies for absence.

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Apologies had been received from Cllrs Brock, Berridge, Perry, Jevons-Hazzard

25/09/101 To receive any declarations of interest

Members are hereby reminded of provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were none.

25/09/102 Minutes of to approve minutes of previous meetings as a true record of those meetings:

102.1 Extraordinary Full Council Minutes 9th July 2025

Deferred to a future meeting.

102.2 Matters arising

There were none.

25/09/103 Opportunity for questions from Councillors and member of the public on items on the agenda

A member of the public enquired about the minutes of the previous meeting as he was interested to learn about the leisure centre. The minutes of the previous week's meeting were not yet available. The Southwell Leisure Centre Trust would publish its report on their own website.

Cllr L Harris asked a question on behalf of the tennis club about the footpath. This was deferred to Town and Environment Committee for answer and further consideration.

The Council resolved to move item 25/09/104 to be transacted after item Items for Communication 25/09/114

25/09/104 To receive and note an update on the Badgers Field and consider any future action to be taken – to be tabled.

The exclusion of public and press by resolution is recommended as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The clerk read out an email from an estate agent informing the council that its offer to buy Badgers Field had not been accepted. Following this, the council **resolved** to exclude Public and Press for this item as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

Members considered various options in detail.

The council **resolved** to delegate authority to Cllrs Blaney and P Harris to approach the new owner with an offer of the same amount as to the previous owner.

25/09/105 Finance matters:

105.1 Income, expenditure & reserves: September – deferred from previous meeting.

The council accepted and approved the Income, expenditure & reserves.

25/09/106 King Street Closure Petition

Proposed: Cllr K Roberts Seconded: Cllr J Berridge - deferred from previous meeting

The Council **unanimously resolved** to create an online and paper petition to progress the Saturday morning closure of King Street with some minor amendments to the wording.

Proposed, K Roberts, seconded J Berridge

25/09/107 Meeting with NSDC Business Manger re Rampton Pre-Bend application – verbal update Cllr M Brock-deferred from previous meeting.

The Council **noted** that a meeting would take place on 06 October at 7 pm at the old Courthouse.

25/09/108 Ratification of outcomes of Planning & Highways Meeting 3rd September 2025 – deferred from previous meeting.

The council resolved to ratify the notes of the non-quorate planning and highways meeting and the recommendations therein.

25/09/109 To appoint Cllr Tracey Jevons-Hazzard to the HR Committee

Proposed: Cllr K Roberts Seconded: Cllr G Adams - deferred from previous meeting.

Cllr Brooker pointed out that Standing Orders prescribed the number of members for the HR committee. For an additional member to be appointed another would have to leave the committee.

Deferred until new version of Standing Orders adopted.

25/09/110 Approve HR Terms of Reference – deferred from previous meeting.

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25/09/111 Approve Projects for Funding Working Group Terms of Reference – deferred from previous meeting.

The council **resolved** to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Funding Working Group with some minor changes. An invitation to attend would be extended to all councillors.

- 25/09/112 Potential visit from Cesky Brod** – verbal update Cllr J Bostock – deferred from previous meeting.
Cllr Bostock reported that an exchange from Cesky Brod in next year was likely following local elections in the area. He would keep council updated about progress.
- 25/09/113 Update on the boreholes, Minster field** – verbal report– deferred from previous meeting.
Members received an update on borehole on Minster Field, and the clerk shared a presentation on the bund she had received from VIA. Members had several questions about the presentation which the clerk would pass on to VIA.
- 25/09/114 Items for Communication** –deferred from previous meeting.
There were none.
- 25/09/115 Items for discussion at next meeting** – deferred from previous meeting
- 25/09/116 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th October 2025**

Signed

Chair of Southwell Town Council

Date